



An Update on Face-to-Face Scouting

Amber Readiness Level Briefing Version 2

Introduction

This presentation provides an update to our July 2020 brief on our return to face-to-face Scouting activities, and our controls relating to COVID-19.

Our plan follows all government rules and guidance from Scouts' UKHQ. Our priority is to keep young people and adults safe.

Key updates include:

- A slight modification to the numbers we are allowed in our bubbles (now 15 youth members and up to 5 adults).
- We are now able to hold meetings indoors but we will continue to encourage meetings outdoors where practicable.
- Where meetings are held indoors, all Scouts, Explorers and Adults will be required to wear a face covering (unless exempt as defined by government guidance). Adults who are instructing can remove their masks when instructing. Beavers and Cubs are not required to wear a face covering.

Readiness Levels

The Scouts have developed a framework aligned with the government approved guidance produced for the Youth Sector by the National Youth Agency (NYA).

Readiness Level	High Level Restrictions
Red Rate of infection is remaining consistent or growing	Digital programme delivery No face-to-face activity or meetings No residential activities
Amber Rate of infection is reducing consistently in all parts of the country	Digital programme delivery Small group sessions can take place outdoors and indoors (following updated guidance) No residential activities
Yellow Number of cases low and decreasing, full Track and Trace system in place	Digital programme delivery Small group sessions can take place indoors and outdoors No residential activities
Green No new cases or a vaccine is readily available	All activities can resume in line with government guidance

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England Readiness Level – Amber

Amber Readiness Level

- We have already restarted meetings outdoors.
- 2m social distancing to be maintained.
- Smaller groups (up to 15 youth members plus up to 5 adults in any one group).
- High levels of hygiene maintained.
- No residential experiences or outings.
- Following an update to the Amber guidance we are now in a position to start holding meetings indoors.
 - Scouts, Explorers and Adults will be required to wear a face covering (unless exempt as defined by government guidance). Adults who are instructing can remove their masks when instructing.

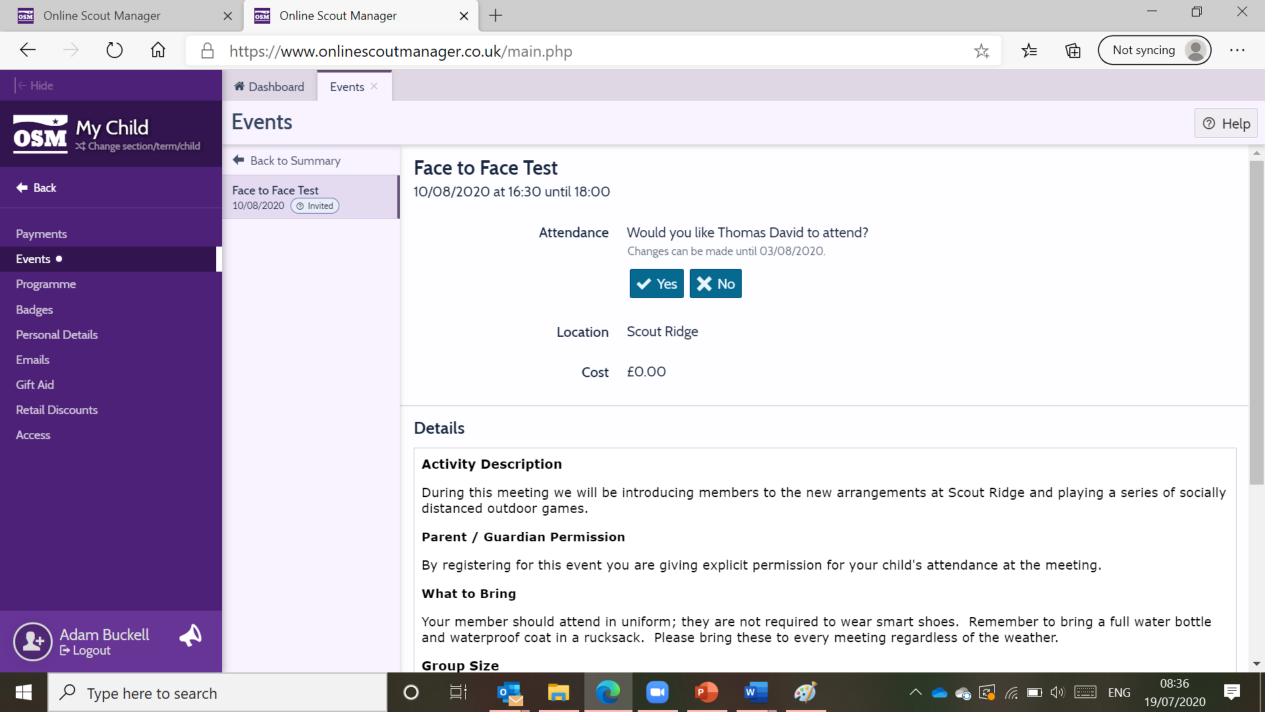


What if my child is vulnerable or shielding?

Please contact 3rd Banstead Group Scout Leader, Adam Buckell by email: adam@3rdbanstead.co.uk or mob: 07879 877619. who will discuss this with you to ensure reasonable adjustments can be made for your child to take part.

Booking for a Meeting

- For each meeting you will still need to book your child's place using Online Scout Manager. You will receive an emailed link to do this. You can't just turn up without booking.
- We need to know how many attendees we will have to arrange bubbles and make sure we have enough help.
- We need your explicit permission for attendance. By registering for the event, you are giving this permission.
- We will retain detailed attendance information including adult attendees, to support contact tracing.



COVID-19 Hardship and Bereavement

 We recognise that COVID-19 has effected our community in many different ways. Some people may have lost their jobs, are suffering financial hardship or have experienced a family bereavement. Please contact the Group Scout Leader Adam Buckell by email adam@3rdbanstead.co.uk or mob 07879877619 if you have any concerns.

Do I need to Pay Termly Subs in Cash?

- Your centrally paid annual subscriptions (which are paid each term by OSM) will continue.
- Our sections will be operating cashless. We will add the normal £5 termly subs which you would normally pay in cash directly to the section to our centrally paid annual subscriptions payment on OSM.
- We will distribute the funds to each section allowing them to purchase badges and activity resources.

What to bring

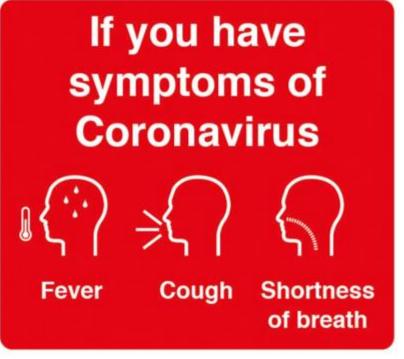
- Members should attend in uniform unless otherwise instructed, but are not required to bring smart shoes.
- Members should also bring a rucksack containing the following:
 - A full water bottle.
 - A waterproof coat.
 - Anything else they are asked to bring to support an activity.
- Please bring the above regardless of the weather.



Do not come if

- You have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days.
- You are self isolating.
- You have a temperature.
- You have a cough.
- Shortness of breath.





On Arrival

- Please remain in your cars or socially distanced in the car park, until the gates have been opened.
- Once the gate has been opened, please queue up in the social distancing spots at the entrance and use the one way system.
- Our leaders will log attendance on Online Scout Manager, and will ask your child to sanitise their hands.
- Your child will be directed you join their bubble.
- Adults remaining on site will find an NHS COVID-19 venue QR code at the gate.







Activities

- We will be running a series of outdoor/indoor activities where we can manage social distancing.
- Every activity is risk assessed as we normally would, but in addition, there is a specific COVID-19 risk assessment. This risk assessment is approved for each activity and setting by the Group Scout Leader / Chairman and also our District Commissioner and District Board of Trustees.
- Activity controls include:
 - Social distancing.
 - Cleaning or quarantine of equipment between sessions.

Outdoors at Scout Ridge

- We have worked hard to prepare the exterior of Scout Ridge to support the new format. This has worked well over the last 6 weeks, with updates including:
 - Signage and one way systems where required.
 - Clearly marked areas and segregated areas where we need to operate two bubbles onsite.
 - Installation of outdoor first aid kits and fire extinguishers.
 - Temporary open sided shelters.

Indoors at Scout Ridge

- We have been working hard to prepare the interior of Scout Ridge to make it COVID secure. This includes:
 - Signage and one way systems.
 - Room occupancy limits.
 - Hand sanitiser stations throughout.
 - Refurbished toilet facilities.
 - Additional ventilation.
 - Some facilities are currently out of use until we return to Yellow / Green.
 - Additional cleaning between each session.

Toilets





- If your child requires the use of the toilet we ask them to do the following:
 - Ask a leader.
 - If on the lower floor of Scout Ridge, exit the building via the one way system.
 - Sanitise their hands before entering Scout Ridge via the front door.
 - Having used the toilet, thoroughly wash their hands with the soap provided.
 - Dry their hands with hand towels provided.
 - Not go into any other part of Scout Ridge unless instructed.
- We have refurbished our toilets with non contact soap dispensers, taps etc to support this.
- Cleaning of this area will occur after each session.



Drinks

Your child should attend with a full water bottle. If your child requires a top up of their water bottle, they should speak to a leader.



What if there is bad weather?

- If outdoors we will have a series of temporary shelters (roof only) where members can shelter in the event of bad weather. This is why it is important for your member to bring a coat to every meeting.
- We now have the facility to use indoor meeting rooms, with strict occupancy limits.



What if there is a first aid emergency or if my child becomes symptomatic during a meeting?

- All meetings will be attended by a first responder with an up to date qualification.
- Our leaders are provided with additional PPE.
- We will isolate your child and call you to collect them. We will provide guidance on what to do next.



Leader Training

All our leaders have maintained their mandatory training including safety and safeguarding training.



On Departure

- Please remain in your cars or socially distanced in the car park, until the gates have been opened.
- Once the gate has been opened, please queue up in the social distancing spots at the entrance and use the one way system.
- Our leaders will call your child for pickup and hand them over to you.





We Need Your Help

- Please explain to your child how we will be working and that its not the same as before at the moment.
- We need more adults volunteers now more than ever – please get in touch.



Questions?

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